



Bulletin of Rule-making Activities

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Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry – CR-101

- **Chapter 173-170 WAC - Agricultural water supply facilities**

This rule relates to the issuance of grants and loans to public entities for projects related to agricultural water supply systems. Funds are issued from the Referendum 38 Fund, established in 1980. Revision to the rule is necessary to make good use of the remaining monies and achieve water savings benefiting the state's public waters by:

- 1) Raising the limit on funding that individual public entities are eligible to obtain,
- 2) Exempting repaid loans from the cap on funding,
- 3) Exempting funding of proposals within the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project (YRBWEP) from the cap on funding, and
- 4) Providing additional incentives to secure water savings that will benefit the state's public waters.

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Proposed Rule-making Order – CR-102

- **Chapter 173-153 WAC - Water Conservancy Boards**

Water Conservancy Boards are separate units of local governments established by county legislative authorities to process applications to change existing water rights. RCW 90.80 and WAC 173-153 authorize local boards to process water right change applications to assist Ecology and provide a localized service to the community.

In 2001 state legislation (ESHB 1832) substantially changed the existing statute (RCW 90.80) regarding Water Conservancy Boards. The proposed rule amendments are intended to make the rule consistent with the amended statute and provide clear guidance to Water Conservancy Boards and Ecology staff supporting them.

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Rule-making Order – CR-103

- **Nothing to report at this time.**

Rule-making Public Hearings

- **Chapter 173-153 WAC - Water Conservancy Boards**
 - **September 24, 2002**
7:00 PM
Spokane Falls Community College
Student Union Building, Lounge #17 A-B|
3410 W Fort George Wright Dr
Spokane
 - **September 25, 2002**
Hal Holmes Center
210 N Ruby
Ellensburg
 - **September 26, 2002**
Department of Ecology
Auditorium
300 Desmond Dr
Lacey

Comment deadline: Received by October 4, 2002.

Rule-making Public Workshops

- **Nothing to report at this time.**

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